

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following Groups:

Group I: Claims 1-15, drawn to an etching process, classified in class 216, subclass 53;

Group II: Claims 16-29, drawn to a method of cleaning and grit blasting, classified in class 451, subclass 38;

Group III: Claim 30, drawn to a silicon containing substrate, classified in class 156, subclass 345.1; and

Group IV: Claims 31-37, drawn to a grit blasting apparatus, classified in class 451, subclass 75.

In response, the applicant provisionally elects Group I with traverse.

Accordingly, the applicant has canceled Claims 16-37 without prejudice and has elected to begin prosecution with examination of claims 1-15.

If the Examiner determines that Applicant has presumed incorrectly as to which claims the Examiner intended to include in Group I, clarification is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at (650) 838-4300 to arrange for such a conference. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment in fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2207. This paper is being filed in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,  
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